

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a panel section configured to input information regarding an identification of a user to the image data communication apparatus;

a controller configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

2. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

3. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

4. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for inputting the information regarding the identification of the user to the image data communication apparatus.

5. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

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6. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the method comprising:

inputting information regarding an identification of a user to the image data communication apparatus;

setting the input information regarding the identification of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

7. The method according to claim 6, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

8. An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document;

a panel section configured to input information regarding an identification of a user to the image data communication apparatus;

a controller configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

9. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

10. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, an image data being attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the method comprising:

inputting information regarding an identification of a user to the image data communication apparatus;

setting the input information regarding the identification of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user;

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.